

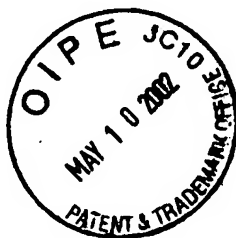


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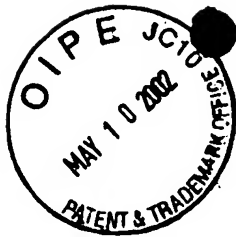
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In response to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, Applicant
hereby respectfully submits the following:

(1) a DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY document listing
the names of each of the inventors, specifically identifying the
application by serial number and filing date, and signed by the
inventors, Frerderic P. Field, Mark Doyle, Albert A. LePlage Jr.
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(2) a duplicate copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, as requested in the Notice; and

(3) one (1) check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this submission, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

A duplicate copy of this RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED is enclosed for the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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